

Long Term Governance



Memorandum

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To: Bay-Delta Advisory Council

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Subject: Framework for Long-term CALFED Governance

Summary

At the May 12, 1999 meeting, BDAC and attending Policy Group members concurred that a strategy for long term governance was to be developed by the end of 1999. Since the last BDAC meeting on October 28, CALFED staff have continued to work with agencies, stakeholders, and legislative staff on the Framework for Long-term Governance for the CALFED Program. At the December meeting, BDAC will be asked to make a recommendation to the Policy Group regarding their support for the proposed Framework for Long-term Governance. The Framework will be used to inform the Legislature and Congress as legislation proceeds. Staff will distribute the proposed Framework before or at the BDAC meeting.

Detailed Discussion

At the last BDAC meeting, BDAC indicated support for creating a new state and federal CALFED commission to provide coordination and oversight, but BDAC had many issues that they wanted addressed at the next BDAC meeting and in the next draft proposal. Those issues included:

- Commission representation-- Is the proposed membership of 18 members appropriate? Should tribal representation be included?
- ERP governing structure-- Is a new entity needed? How will the Environmental Water Account be managed?
- CMARP -- The role of CMARP in the Commission.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration